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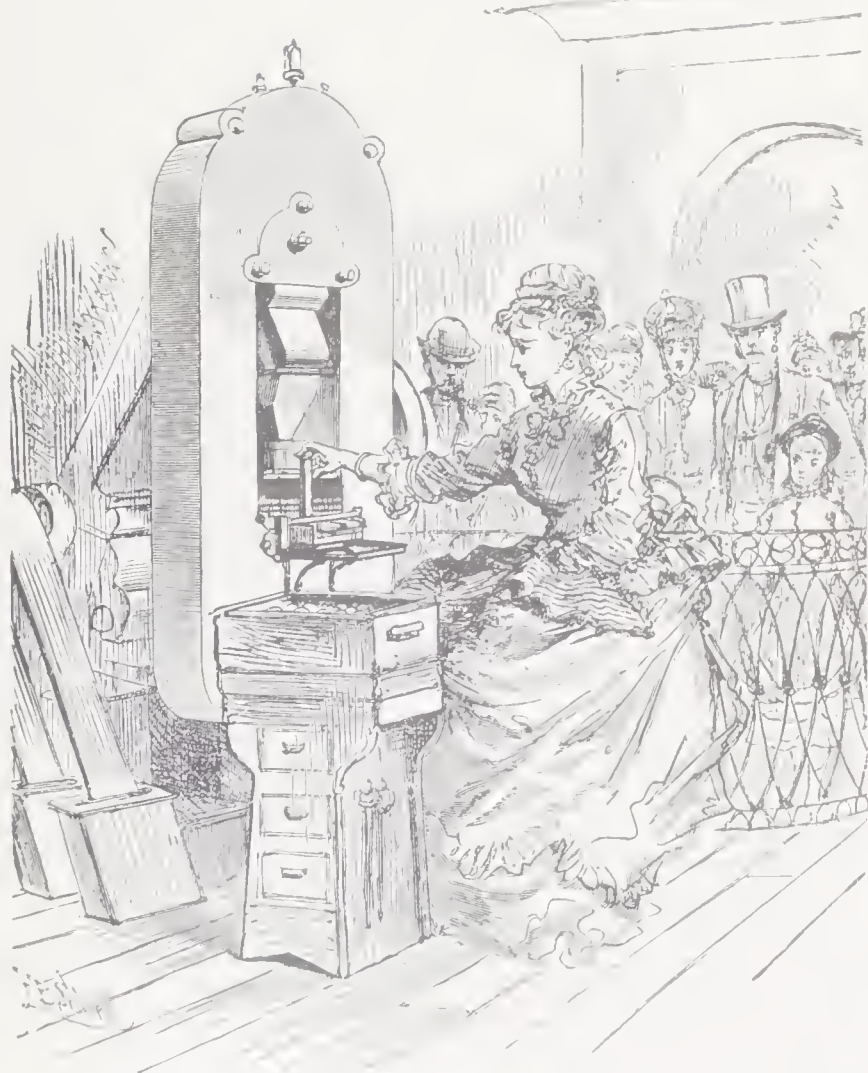
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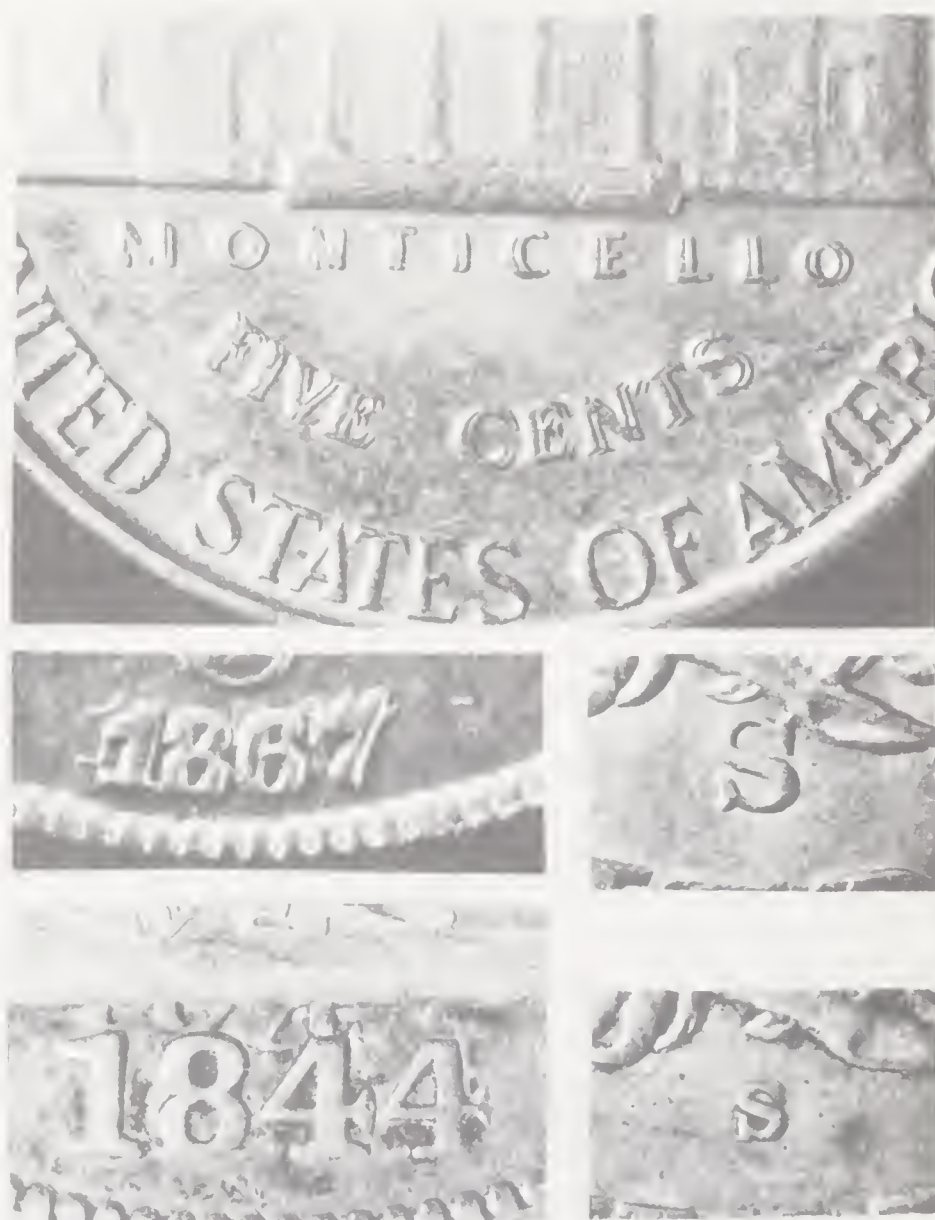
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Striking coins at the Philadelphia Mint, circa 1855.



DIE VARIETIES of United States coins: (1) Reverse of 1939 Jefferson nickel showing doubling of letters in MONTICELLO and FIVE CENTS. (2) Large date recut over a small date on an 1867 nickel. (4) Sharply recut date on an 1844-O half dollar. (3) and (5) Two mintmarks vastly different in size as observed on two different 1864 S half dollars.

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1880	5c, 10c, 15c	.25	.35
1881	5c, 10c, 20c	.25	.40
1882	5c, 10c, 15c	.20	.35
1883	5c, 10c, 15c	.20	.35
1884	5c, 10c, 15c	.20	.35
1885	5c, 10c, 15c	.20	.60
1886	5c, 10c, 15c	.20	.35
1887	5c, 10c, 15c	.20	.35
1888	5c, 10c, 15c	.20	.35
1889	5c, 10c, 15c	.20	.35
1890	5c, 10c, 15c	.20	.35
1891	5c, 10c, 15c	.20	.35
1892	5c, 10c, 15c	.20	.35
1893	5c, 10c, 15c	.20	.35
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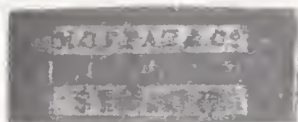
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Above: Painting by Edwin Lamasure shows the Philadelphia Mint as it was in 1792, the year of founding.

Below: Photograph taken by Frank Stewart showed the Mint Building as it appeared in 1907.

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Liberty standing quarters of 1916, and a few of 1917, portrayed Liberty nude from waist up. (See top photo). Later 1917-1930 issues were changed so that Liberty encased in armor. Below is the 1909-S V.D.B. cent... one of the alltime bit leaders in American numismatics. Illustrations enlarged.



The Philadelphia Mint coinage of 1792 was limited to pattern issues. Here is shown an enlarged illustration of a 1792 pattern DISME. "Disme" was pronounced as "Dime;" later the silent "s" was dropped.



Crown or silver-dollar size coins have always been popular. Illustrated above are: (1) 1824 Guatemalan 8 reales; (2) 1868 Bolivian pattern crown; (3) 1883 Hawaiian dollar, struck at the San Francisco Mint; (4) 1944-D Curacao 2½ gulden struck at the Denver Mint; (5) 1959 crown issued for the 350th anniversary of Bermuda; (6) 1855 Frankfurt 2 gulden; (7) 1893 Korean 1 uban; (8) 1900 British trade dollar.

CHAPTER VII—COINS OF THE WORLD

Odd and curious coins . . . Story of the Simon Petition Crown . . . 1704 VIGO coinage . . . Tales of the Soho Mint . . . Coinage of Canada . . . The "tombac" nickel . . . Puffins of Lundy Island . . . King Farouk . . . and many, many others.

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The Morgan type silver dollar (illustration at top of page) was coined in tremendous quantities due to the legislative pressure of western mining interests. Hundreds of millions of these dollars were stored for years in Treasury vaults.

"Liberty appears to be panic-stricken" ... so said an observer of the Peace type silver dollar (center illustration) introduced in 1921.

The silver-dollar-size trade dollar, issued from 1873 to 1885 was used in trade with the Orient. As specimens had no legal tender status in the U. S. circulated trade dollars could be bought from dealers for 90c each ... less than the face value.

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